

an updated assessment of progress on the benchmarks covering the period January 1 to June 30, 2003.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate.

**Letter to Congressional Leaders
Transmitting Proposed Legislative
Changes To Implement the United
States-Chile Free Trade Agreement**

July 3, 2003

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

On June 6, 2003, the United States Trade Representative signed the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement on behalf of the United States. Consistent with section 2105(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-210), I am submitting a description of the changes to existing laws, prepared by my Administration, that would be required to bring the United States into compliance with that Agreement.

I look forward to working with the Congress in developing legislation to implement this important Free Trade Agreement.

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**Letter to Congressional Leaders
Transmitting Proposed Legislative
Changes To Implement the United
States-Singapore Free Trade
Agreement**

July 3, 2003

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

On May 6, 2003, I signed the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. Consistent with section 2105(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-210), I am submitting a description of the changes to existing laws, prepared by my Administra-

tion, that would be required to bring the United States into compliance with that Agreement.

I look forward to working with the Congress in developing legislation to implement this important Free Trade Agreement.

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**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 28

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

June 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Miami, FL.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Tampa, FL.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled: Frederick Beaman, Steven Bennett, Robert Kelly, and Felipe Mendoza.

July 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gwendolyn Brown to be Chief Financial Officer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeane J. Kirkpatrick for the rank of Ambassador during her service as U.S. Representative on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan Avalyn Dempsey as Executive Director of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

July 2

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He also had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Iran and North Korea.

Later in the morning, the President met with Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton to discuss the National Park System. Later, he met with Randall Tobias, his nominee to be Global AIDS Coordinator.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, King Abdullah II of Jordan, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to discuss the peace process in the Middle East.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joel David Kaplan to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald K. Steinberg to be Ambassador to Nigeria.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, mud and rock slides, and tornadoes on June 14 and continuing.

July 3

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority to discuss the peace process in the Middle East.

July 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National

Security Council. Later, he traveled to Dayton, OH, where, in the afternoon, he made remarks on the celebration of Independence Day and the 100th anniversary of flight at the U.S. Air Force Museum.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he attended a party hosted by Mrs. Bush to celebrate his upcoming 57th birthday.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush viewed the Independence Day fireworks display on the National Mall from the Truman Balcony.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released June 30

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2312

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2350

Released July 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 389, H.R. 519, and H.R. 788

Fact sheet: Progress in the Global War on Terrorism